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ADDRESS TO THE CITIZENS OF NEW ORLEANS.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, Shreveport, La., }
January 30, 1864. }

To the Citizens of New Orleans—I greet you as the Governor of Louisiana. Your trials and your troubles are well known, and your patriotic conduct fully appreciated by the Executive of your State. Do not be despondent! Do not despair; but rather let the fires of patriotism burn brightly at every fire-side; for in a few short months you shall be free. You have been despoiled and robbed, and basely insulted. Every indignity that a brutal, unprincipled and a vindictive foe could invent, has been heaped upon you. Bear your persecutions, as did your fathers before you, and nerve your hearts for the coming hour. Our people are flocking to the army in every direction, and when the spring campaign opens, half a million of gallant Confederate soldiers will strike for Liberty and Independence. Citizens of New Orleans! Be true to yourselves, and your State will be true to you. Spurn all propositions for compromises of any kind. Spit upon the insulting proposal for a bastard State Government. Keep your own councils. Do your duty, and bide your time. You shall be free! The hated tyrants who lord it over you now—who daily insult you without remorse, and rob you without shame—these accursed villains, this crew of thieves and murderers, will yet receive their reward.

Ladies of New Orleans, God Almighty bless you, and sustain you in all your trials! May Heaven guard you and protect you! “When spring time comes,” gentle ladies, you will see the “Grey Coats” again, and then you shall welcome back to New Orleans the sons and daughters of Louisiana. You are the treasures of the earth. Oh! be not weary in well doing. Cheer up the desponding. Be kind to our prisoners who are languishing in the wretched cells of the enemy. You will receive the undying gratitude of your country, and in Heaven above, you will be crowned among the Angels of the Living God.

HENRY W. ALLEN,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

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